

In the Claims:

1 - 26. (cancelled)

27. (new) A rucksack, comprising:

a main disposable bag for containing items to be carried and at least one carrying strap affixed to the bag, usable to allow an individual to carry the bag upon the individual's back, wherein the disposable bag comprises a front face and an oppositely directed rear face, the rear face being adapted to lie adjacent/opposite the back of an individual when in use;

wherein the bag is manufactured from paper and wherein the or each strap is of a length to pass under an arm of the individual and over the shoulder, the strap being fastened at a lower portion of the bag and upon the front face of the bag;

wherein, the straps are fastened in a plane of fastening with the bag such that, in normal use, the strap pulls in a direction generally perpendicularly from the plane of fastening, whereby to provide a fastening that is easy to fabricate yet will not easily peel away from the bag.

28. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein said one or more carrying straps is attached to the disposable bag by its inside or outside surface.

29. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein one or more reinforcing tabs are applied to the joins over the join between respective ends of the carrying straps and the disposable bag.

30. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein said disposable bag comprises at least one continuous strap, said at least one continuous strap comprising: folding means operative to

fold a loop portion of the continuous strap along the length of the continuous strap; and fixing means, operable to maintain a shortened length of the folded strap.

31. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein said disposable bag comprises at least one continuous strap, said at least one continuous strap comprising: folding means operative to fold a loop portion of the continuous strap along the length of the continuous strap; and fixing means, operable to maintain a shortened length of the folded strap, the fixing means comprising one of: glue; Velcro; stapling; single-sided adhesive tape; clips; string passing around a button; two pieces of string tied together; punched tabs being inserted into selectable one of a plurality of tab accepting slots; and punched tabs having side extensions inserted into a selectable one of a plurality of tab accepting slots.

32. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein said disposable bag and/or straps can be made from any combination of paper, waxed paper, waterproof paper, waterproof paper, waterproof lined paper, water resistant paper, recyclable paper, recycled paper, cardboard, corrugated cardboard, and any biodegradable fibrous product.

33. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein said at least one carrying strap is a paper product and is strengthened by folding along the length of each strap and by attaching the construction material along its length to form a plural ply tape.

34. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein at least one of the carrying straps is split, the at least one carrying strap comprising: a first side and a second side, with a first part on a first side being affixable to a selectable position of a second part on said second side.

35. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein at least one of the carrying straps is split, the at least one carrying strap comprising: a first side and a second side, with a first part on a first side being affixable to a selectable position of a second part on said second side, wherein fixing of a first part to a second part comprises at least one of: a buckle; glue; Velcro; stapling;

single-sided adhesive tape; clips; string passing around a button; two pieces of string tied together; punched tabs being inserted into selectable one of a plurality of tab accepting slots; and punched tabs having side extensions inserted into a selectable one of a plurality of tab accepting slots.

36. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, wherein said disposable bag comprises a bottom, reinforced by means of an additional base within said disposable bag.

37. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, comprising a cover for covering the main disposable bag, said cover being at least one of: mechanically protective; spill resistant; spill repellent; water resilient and water proof.

38. (new) A rucksack according to claim 27, comprising an insert for placement within the main disposable bag, said insert bag being at least one of: water proof and water resilient.